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1. MAJOR STORY MAY 2 IS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TESTIMONY REGARDING TROOP WITHDRAWAL. REPORTAGE CONSISTS OF EXTENSIVE QUOTES AND SUMMARIZATION, WITH SELECTIVE EMPHASES AS INDICATED BY HEADLINES: "DO NOT WITHDRAW A SINGLE BATTALION UNTIL COMPENSATORY MEASURES ARE ASSURED: JONES"; "KOREA TO BE PROTECTED UNDER US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA"; "SALE OF F-16 UNDER STUDY; SIDEWINDER ALSO"; "SEN GLENN: ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ALL TROOP WITHDRAWALS"; "JCS OPPOSES PHASEOUT PRIOR TO COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENT".

2. DONG A ILBO CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH ADM WEISNER, CINCPAC, IN WHICH THREE MAIN POINTS STAND OUT: 1) EXTENT OF US ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ASIA (US HAS GREATER TRADE VOLUME WITH ASIA/PACIFIC THAN WITH EEC); 2) USAF IN ROK IS NOT A TRIPWIRE FORCE; 3) TEAM SPIRIT WAS "OVERALL A SUCCESSFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXERCISE, WHICH REVEALED THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING CERTAIN AREAS."

3. MORNING PAPERS CONTINUE PREVIOUS DAY'S FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT OF RETURN OF KAL CREW WITH CONCOMITANT SPECULATION ON PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED ROK - SOVIET RELATIONS.

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